# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON SEZS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether KPMG and FICCI have conducted a study on Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the suggestions made by FICCI and KPMG;

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(d) whether the FICCI has also organised an International Convention on Special Economic Zones to attract investors;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the aims of the convention;

(f) whether any steps have been taken or are being taken by the Government to make SEZs more attractive in alignment with the global standards; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

(a) to (e) : A theme paper on ` Driving Growth through Special Economic Zones` was presented by KPMG and FICCI before the International Convention on Special Economic Zones held on 21-22 March, 2002 at New Delhi organised by FICCI.The paper inter-alia covered the rationale for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), international experience of SEZs and key elements of SEZ development strategy. The suggestions made in the theme paper include reduction in cost of infrastructure, delegation of powers to the Zone Administration, and enactment of Central and State level Acts on SEZ.The SEZ policy is under constant review and the suggestions made in the theme paper would be kept in view appropriately.

(f) and (g) : The steps taken by the Government to make the SEZs more attractive include duty free importation/procurement of goods from the domestic market for development of SEZs, 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in manufacturing sector under automatic route for development of township within SEZs with residential, educational facilities.